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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Dietrich Stephen et al.
Serial No. 09/940,454
Filed: 08/29/2001

GAU: 1631
Examiner: Andrew A. Kenedy

For: Gene Expression Based Method For Distinguishing Metastatic From Non-Metastatic Forms of a Tumor, and Use in Designing Therapeutic Drugs.

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to take the action required in the application identified in caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith.

Extension For Response Within The First Month: \$55*
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Respectfully submitted,

Signed 09/21/2004

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